Percentages of passes in the E. S. L. C. Examination.

16. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the percentage of passes for the last E. S. L. C. Examination in Travancore;

(*b*) in Cochin State; and

(*c*) in Madras?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 45·3 per cent.

(*b*) and (*c*) Information is not available.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know from the honourable member why the information has not been made available? Was it because there was not sufficient time to give the information?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: There was not sufficient time: the interpellation was received on the 16th July and reply had to be sent before the 25th July.

Sub-Registrars appointed by promotion.

17. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state the number of Sub-Registrars appointed by promotion from 1-1-1115 to 1-11-1117: and

(*b*) to place on the table a list of such appointments by caste?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup (*Director of Registration*):

(*a*)

Permanent	15
Acting	15
Temporary	6

(*b*) The †list containing the information is laid on the table.

Cultivation of beedi leaves.

18. *Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have tried if beedi leaves could be successfully cultivated in Travancore;

(*b*) if so, where was it tried; and

(*c*) what are the results of such trials?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Shencotta and Southern Forest Divisions.

(*c*) Generally speaking, the growth is encouraging.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know from the honourable member whether it is a tree or a plant?

† *Vide* Appendix II. Page 139.

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